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Kansas Realtors Spend \$300,000 In Torrance

"In all of Southern California, there is no community that has the natural advantages or the chance to become a city of industries as well as of homes as Torrance, and I predict that within the next two or three years it will have a population of at least twenty thousand."

This in substance, is the opinion of J. W. Macdowell, representative of a group of business men who have within the past week or ten days invested more than \$300,000 of their money in the purchase of business and residence property in this city.

"The Burton Realty Company, of Los Angeles and associates that I represent," said Mr. Macdowell, "have invested a comparatively large sum of money in your city and are not only going to invest more but induce our eastern friends to do likewise, for we are thoroughly 'sold' on Torrance not only on account of the oil and industries but as a city of homes. Since selling out my business in Kansas several months ago I have been traveling throughout Southern California in search of a desirable place in which to live and invest my money."

"When I reached Torrance, I realized at once that further search was useless as here I found a town with the financial backbone of a large and ever increasing payroll; a most delightful climate; an ideal future city already planned and laid out and so located as to be accessible to the beaches as well as the larger city."

"I fear the residents of Torrance fail to appreciate the full significance of the fact that no more ideal location could have been made for a future place for the homes of the well-to-do as well as the mechanic and all that is now needed is proper publicity to attract moneyed men to invest their capital in much-needed homes for workmen. This will come and we have already made an offer to the chamber of commerce of a considerable sum in cash as the nucleus of an advertising fund, that if consistently and judiciously used will bring hundreds of others with far more money than we have."

4TH. DISTRICT ENTERTAINS NOTABLES

Committee of 7 Met In Long Beach to Protest Supervisors Action

The Fourth District Chambers of Commerce at Compton held the largest and most enthusiastic meeting in the history of the federated organizations Thursday evening, February 15, with music, songs, speeches and a banquet that preceded the exercises in which probably over 1000 people enjoyed the feast prepared by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

The tables were golden with poppies and the great American Legion auditorium, in which the meeting was held, was festooned and decorated with the national colors.

The meeting opened with audience singing stanzas in honor of Hon. Frank Merriam.

The Compton chamber of commerce band of twenty-five pieces opened with "Gardes du Corps," a selection given in perfect time and execution. The other selections were also of superior merit, after which Secretary Mellinger, of the Compton chamber, introduced Major E. A. Weed of Compton, who gave the address of welcome.

Following the welcome came a request by Secretary Mellinger for a tribute in memory of Mr. I. K. Reed, who was director of the Commerce band and was president of both the First National and the Farmers and Merchants banks of Compton and who passed out of this life suddenly but two days before this meeting.

The roll of organizations was called, showing a heavy representation from nearly all organizations in the federation. Lynwood gave an invitation to everyone to attend their meeting on Friday, February 23. The Huntington Park male quartet was then presented and gave a number of songs.

Capt. J. Hanson of San Pedro, the old sea king who has been urging the construction of a deep in land harbor by means of a channel and wide turning basin at the upper end of the slough, made a report on harbor conditions.

A second memorial occasion arose when a request was made to honor the memory of the late Congressman E. Z. Osborne. This was observed the audience standing while President Merriam made an address stating that Congressman

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to add thousands to the population of Torrance.

"Within an hour after our arrival in Torrance and after viewing the beautiful residence section of the city and driving over its excellent and well arranged streets, myself and associates were so thoroughly 'sold' on Torrance that we immediately began the tentative arrangements to buy and this will be the result in every case where men with money can be induced to visit the city. Advertising alone will bring this result and every effort should be made by the business men of Torrance to raise an adequate fund for this purpose."

"Just what disposition we will make of the holdings we have acquired is as yet undetermined. We have now under consideration the purchase of the auditorium building the only piece of improved property aside from the Dominguez Land Corporation corner we have so far purchased. On one of the business sites we have acquired it is almost certain we will erect a three-story office building, with foundations ample to carry the structure higher when conditions warrant."

"Our organization is to be known as the Torrance Investment Company, with offices in the Dominguez Land Corporation's building. Here we will carry on a general investment, real estate and insurance business and hope to be able to induce eastern money to 'see the light' in what we thoroughly believe to be the most prolific and as yet undeveloped real estate field in California."

In addition to Mr. Macdowell, who is preparing to build a beautiful home on El Prado and Arlington for himself and family, Mr. J. C. Smith, also of Kansas and one of the largest realty dealers in the middle west, will be in charge of the Torrance office, while Burton & Co., who have large holdings in the way of subdivisions on Western avenue, will attend to the necessary Los Angeles publicity and the sale of Torrance property in the larger city.

HANNEBRINK PRAISES "THE THIRD ALARM"

Calls Picture Fine Tribute to Courage and Dash of Firemen

Never before in the history of the amusement business has a civic official of such commanding stature as the chief of the fire department come forth with an endorsement of a production on the screen or the stage. This unprecedented action, however, has just been taken by Fire Chief E. F. Hannebrink of this city, who, after reviewing "The Third Alarm," declared without equivocation that it is the greatest motion picture he has ever seen.

"The Third Alarm," which is scheduled for exhibition at the Torrance Theater on March 1 and 2, was created by Emory Johnson at the special behest of more than five hundred of the best known fire chiefs in the United States. Among those who requested that such a production be made was Fire Chief Hannebrink of this city, who now acknowledges himself highly pleased and gratified by the results shown on the screen.

The production is not of a propagandic nature. It is, first of all, entertainment. But throughout its amazing drama, delicious romance and fine humor, are scenes which show the hazards the fire fighters of this country undergo uncomplainingly, the perils they confront without batting an eyelash in the routine of their daily duties.

Chief Hannebrink, after reviewing the production, said: "It tops anything I've seen before. It pays a stunning tribute to the courage of the firemen, but beyond even that it is a great, big, wholesome dramatic entertainment. I enjoyed every foot of it."

"Mr. Johnson certainly has infused the picture with human elements. It got right under my skin. As a fireman I, of course, appreciated the fire scenes. They were great. Mr. Johnson must have gone to many a fire when he was a kid or else studied fire-fighting when he got older, for I looked very carefully and couldn't find a solitary flaw in the technical handling of the subject."

"My what thrills I got! When the safe plunged through the blazing building and penned the boy and the girl in the very bowels of the inferno, I felt like leaping out of my seat, climbing into my togs and starting for the scene of the fire. The tribute which Mr. Johnson Alarms"

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FACTORIES TO SHOW IN LONG BEACH

Chamber of Commerce Has Arranged Space at Exposition

At the regular weekly meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce held Tuesday afternoon Secretary Gadeky reported that while several of the industries in Torrance had expressed a willingness to contribute to the purchase of space in the Long Beach Industrial Exposition, to be held in the auditorium of the beach city from March 12 to 17, few would be able to make an individual exhibit.

This inability to show the products of the Torrance factories is due to lack of time in which to prepare an exhibit and the fact that many of the concerns such as the Llewellyn Iron Works do not produce a completely manufactured article that would be of interest to the general public.

While all the local manufacturers realize the necessity for Torrance, as an avowed industrial city to be represented at the exposition, the exhibit will be left largely in the hands of a committee of three that was appointed Tuesday by President Hyde. This committee will secure exhibits from the Salm Manufacturing company, the Hendon Glass company and will ask the aid of women's clubs in Torrance in decorating the booth at the exposition and assist in distributing literature regarding Torrance. The amount to be paid for space at the exposition is \$120 to which is to be added a much larger amount for the printing of illustrated literature for free distribution.

The subject of the temporary playground was again brought to the front. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Torrance, who objected to the selected location of the recreation center on El Prado, would be at the Forum meeting March fifth and had expressed her intention of giving the city an equally good site, the matter was laid over until the Forum meeting, when the report of the committee will be presented.

The matter of the present condition of Carson street, east of Cabrillo was called to the attention of the directors by Mr. Le Boeuf, who asked that the secretary be instructed to write the county supervisors requesting that the piles of sand hauled to Carson and dumped on the side of the thoroughfare late in December last be utilized in making the pavement passable.

Secretary Gadeky and the directors and their wives were invited to attend an informal party to be given by the members of the local post, American Legion, on the evening of March 7. The invitation was accepted and the secretary requested to write thanking the Legionnaires.

Secretary Gadeky reported that both budgets and yearly dues were being collected rapidly and that there was at the present time several hundred dollars in the treasury, with no outstanding bills except a note of about \$600 held by the First National bank.

The Southwest Chamber of Commerce sent an invitation to the Torrance directors asking them to attend an affair to be given by the former at the new auditorium at the corner of Vermont avenue and 60th street, Los Angeles, on the evening of March 8.

J. W. Hawley, of 1723 Andreo street was elected a member of the chamber by the unanimous vote of the directors.

FOR SALE—5-room modern bungalow, new. 2011 Plaza del Amo. See owner.

NOTICE
I have applied for city delivery service to take effect July 1, if practicable and expect a postoffice inspector here within 30 days to go over the city for that purpose.

The department requires all houses to be numbered uniformly, sidewalks, etc., and would request that all residents that have not dropped the 20,000 on their houses to do so as soon as practicable to conform with the requirements of the department and save unnecessary delay in acquiring city delivery.

ALFRED GONDIER,
Postmaster.

has paid the firemen, the men of the ranks who face danger unflinchingly whenever the gong rings its summons, is very beautiful and inspiring, to be sure. It made me swell with pride. There is all too little in a fireman's life for which to be grateful, so a splendid picture such as Mr. Johnson has created gets us right in the heart.

"I think every man, woman and child in this community will be better for having seen 'The Third

RESTRAIN CITY FROM ISSUING ASSMT. BONDS

Arlington Property Owners Secure Writ from Superior Court

Hardly had the members of the city council been called to order Tuesday evening and settled comfortably in their seats for a few hours conference over more or less routine matters connected with the city's welfare, than a surprise, in the form of a restraining order signed by C. S. Crall, Superior Judge of Los Angeles county, was handed each councilman.

This order, a complete copy of which will be found following this column, prohibits the "issuing to the (Arlington street) contractors a warrant of assessment until such time as said contractors shall furnish to the city of Torrance good and substantial paved highways along such respective streets."

In other words, this restraining order in which W. T. Klusman, acting for the Arlington street property owners is plaintiff and the city of Torrance and each of its trustees, as well as the city clerk, city engineer and the Los Angeles Paving company, is defendant, is the culmination of the series of conferences that have taken place during the past month between the dissatisfied tax payers and the trustees over the paving of Arlington street.

Though taken by surprise the trustees and city attorney welcomed the early solution of the paving tangle and declined the suggestion of a representative of Attorney Morse, acting for the plaintiff, that the matter be continued, if the city was unprepared at this time to go into court.

"Friday will suit us very well," said City Attorney Briney, "and I am sure the trustees feel as I do that the sooner we get action the sooner the disagreeable and troublesome matter will be disposed of permanently and we will know just where we stand."

"I am of the opinion that the hearing Friday will be one of law and not of facts and am therefore not going to produce evidence at this time. If it is necessary to produce witnesses a continuance will undoubtedly be granted by the court."

In view of the sudden and unexpected turn of Arlington street affairs, the matter of issuing a warrant or bonds for the improvement was deferred for one week.

With the paving ghost temporarily "laid" the twin spook, the "sewer farm," bobbed up as usual in the form of a query by Mr. Klusman, addressed to the city attorney, as to the status of the litigation between the Dominguez Land Corporation, the California Chemical Company and the city, as intervenor.

That the matter of the acquisition of the sewer farm by the city and the legal tangle over the property might be made clear to those unfamiliar with the subject, City Attorney Briney, made an exhaustive explanation of the case. Coming down to the present time Mr. Briney stated that the hearing of the city's demand had been held and that it had been taken under advisement and that he expected a decision very shortly.

City Engineer Jessup reported in the matter of the street lighting that while the experts from the Southern California Edison company had visited Torrance and gone over the field they had not yet made their report but that he expected to have their estimate of needs and expense within the next few days.

The city clerk was instructed to write to the county supervisors relative to the deplorable condition of Carson street and asking that something be done to put the street in better condition.

At the suggestion of Trustee Gilbert it was decided to place city limit signs showing the speed limit permissible at the several entrances to the city.

While only one bid was received for the building of the steel cells and corridor in the city jail, the trustees decided that it be opened in view of the fact that it seemed impossible to secure a greater number of bids. This was done and the bid of the E. T. Barnum Iron Works of Detroit, Michigan, in the sum of \$618 net was accepted and the material ordered.

Owing to pending conferences with the Dominguez Land Corporation regarding the segregating of various structures in different parts of the city, the zoning ordinance that was to have been discussed, was put over for another week.

The changing of certain fire restrictions along Cabrillo, Carson and Border avenue was also laid over until the zoning matter was taken up and disposed of.

For the purpose of discussing the yearly budget the city council decided to meet next Monday in informal session and will meet

Oil Deal Involves The Biggest Bonus Ever Paid Here

The highest cash bonus for an oil lease that has ever been offered on any property in the Torrance field up to the present time, was yesterday submitted to property owners in Block 11 of the 4070 Tract which lies north of Carson street and a half mile east of production. The bonus offer was made by W. M. Peck, an independent operator with extensive holdings in Southern California fields. The block involved covers five acres. The bonus check laid before the property owners for their acceptance was \$12,500.

The block immediately west of the one Mr. Keck is offering to lease, was leased last week by the Jergins Trust Co. Except in the 4070 Tract all acreage west of Cedar avenue has been put under lease, leaving the land in that tract New wells are also creeping up in that direction, the Hub Oil Co. having put up a new rig near the corner of Juniper avenue and Sixteenth street, which is being offset by the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil Company by a well on the north side of Sixteenth street. The new well will be Torrance No. 6.

The Gilmore Petroleum Company spudded in its well on Dr. N. A. Leske's property Wednesday morning. This well is an offset to the Hub's Smith No. 1, now down 1000 feet and in turn is being offset by the new Hub well. These wells and Torrance No. 5, just south of Carson street are on the crest of a dome formation and are expected to be big producers of high gravity oil. Torrance No. 4 on the Chanslor Canfield Midway lease just west of Torrance 5 is down 2850 feet and at 2855 feet reported a showing of oil and gas. This is the shallowest depth at which oil and gas showings have been encountered and bears out the experience of previous drilling which shows the field is growing shallower toward the east and also is improving in gravity and production. Torrance

No. 4 is 300 feet east of Torrance No. 3, a 600-barrel, 28 gravity well, and so far the biggest well of the field.

The Standard's offset to Torrance No. 4, Torrance Community No. 3, is down 1600 feet and the logs of the well are reported to be highly satisfactory. A fairly large well is looked for.

Both Dominguez No. 1 and Torrance No. 1 on Chanslor Canfield Midway leases, the second and third wells of the field to be drilled are standing cemented and as soon as the cement hardens sufficiently tests will be made for water shut-offs. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in putting these wells on production, though oil showings in both wells have been sufficient to indicate that they will be fair producers, if not better than the average on the west side of the field.

The Petroleum Midway Oil Company, Wednesday began the construction of the derrick for its second well on the west side of the field, and it is understood that within the next few weeks will begin operations along Carson street. The new well lies a few hundred yards north of the two wells being put down on the Torrance-Redondo Boulevard by the Shell Oil Company and Chanslor Canfield Midway drillers.

Farther west and to the north, the General Petroleum is attempting to put its Van Lew well on production. This well was drilled to 4610 feet in hopes of striking a deeper sand but is coming back to 3600 feet.

East of Torrance on the corner of 213th street and Western Ave., the Orange County Drilling Company's well is standing idle waiting for rotary drilling machinery. This well was spudded in two weeks ago with improvised standard tools. It is down about 200 feet and further progress is impossible with the equipment on hand.

PECKHAM IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Board of Governors Of B. M. A. Hold Ses- sion on Monday

The board of governors of the Business Men's association of Torrance met for a brief session on Monday at a noon-day luncheon in Meinzer's cafe to elect officers. Those present were: George Peckham, H. F. Gadeky, George Parr, M. W. Smith, J. H. Fess, and C. P. Roberts. George Peckham was re-elected president, and appointed the following committee, which represents only a partial list. Every member will be placed on some committee before the next regular meeting held on the evening of the first Thursday in March. At that time a banquet will be served.

The committees are as follows:
Entertainment: J. H. Fess, Ben

the following night, Tuesday, in regular session.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

W. T. Klusman, plaintiff, vs. City of Torrance, a municipal corporation, M. James M. Fitzhugh, W. H. Gilbert, E. H. Nash, Joe Stone, George A. Proctor, Albert H. Bartlett, J. J. Jessup and Los Angeles Paving Company, defendants.

The people of the state of California send greetings to City of Torrance, a municipal corporation, James M. Fitzhugh, W. H. Gilbert, E. H. Nash, James Stone, George A. Proctor, Albert H. Bartlett, J. J. Jessup and Los Angeles Paving Company, a corporation, defendants.

You are directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the Superior court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California and to answer the complaint therein within ten days after the service on you of this summons, if served within the County of Los Angeles, or within thirty days if served elsewhere, and you are notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of Los Angeles, State of California, this 19th day of February, 1923.

E. E. LAMPTON, County Clerk.
By Roy Goff, Deputy.
Upon reading and filing the verified complaint of the plaintiff herein and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the defendants and each of them be and appear in Department one of the above entitled Court upon the 23rd day of February, 1923, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day to then and there show (Continued on page 13)

WORK ON \$15,000 BROOKS BLDG. IS BEGUN

Big Six-Store Structure To Be Completed In Six Weeks

Among the many pretentious business blocks that are either in course of erection or planned for early building in Torrance is the E. H. Brooks brick structure that within the next eight weeks will add to the attractiveness of Cabrillo street.

The building, work on which was started Wednesday under the direction of H. S. Heineman, contractor of Los Angeles, will have a frontage of 114 feet on Cabrillo 26 feet on Sartori and have a depth of 60 feet. It stands just south of the Torrance theater and with the erection soon of the Rappaport building, will completely fill the block, with the exception of a vacant 30-foot lot next to the auditorium.

The structure is being built to contain six store rooms and will be one-story in height with a facing of cream-colored brick. It is understood that nearly all of the six stores are either under lease or that negotiations are pending for long time leases.

The building will cost, when completed, from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and will be ready for occupancy, weather permitting, in from six to eight weeks.

Rappaport, Everett Malone, C. Vonderahe.

Finance: C. P. Roberts, Sam Levy, Fred Falmer, Hurum E. Reeve, R. D. Smith.

Membership: M. W. Smith, Al Greiner, Dick Malone, St Rappaport, A. W. Meinzer.

Credit: George Parr, J. W. Post, Sam Rappaport, C. W. Jones, J. Isenstein.

Publicity: F. L. Parks, I. G. Anderson, H. Guttenfelder, Charles Elman.

Other members will be added to the various committees later.

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Building Permits for 1923 \$150,470

With the value of building permits for the past seven days aggregating \$37,270 and for the past fifty-three days, or since January 1 aggregating more than \$150,000 Torrance seems to have entered a building boom that will soon place